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STATEMENT OF RUDY MAZZOCCHI
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)(2)

Sir:

I, Rudy Mazzocchi, declare that

1. My addition as an inventor was necessitated by a Supplemental Amendment filed on February 26, 2002, adding new claims to the above-identified patent application.
2. The inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on my part.
3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing on this application.

Date: 4/11/02


Rudy Mazzocchi